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## **ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE**

Thursday, January 26, 2006 South San Francisco, CA

#### **Minutes**

Members Present: Lawrence Hundley, DDS, Chair Kamran Sahabi, DDS Harriet Seldin, DDS George SooHoo, DDS Members Absent: None

# Staff Present:

Robert Hedrick, Executive Officer Donna Kantner, Regulations Analyst Greg Salute, Deputy Attorney General LaVonne Powell, DCA Legal Counsel

Chair Hundley called the meeting to order at 3:10p.m. and called the roll. Member Sahabi completed the quorum at 3:12p.m.

# Agenda Item 14.1 – Consideration of Remediation Policies

Executive Officer Hedrick reported that the attached letter was received from Dr. Dugoni, Dean of Orthodontics, UOP Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, indicating the impossibility of teaching a general practitioner to competence in orthodontics within a 150 hour remedation program. Hedrick stated that this information was brought to the full board in November, who delegated it to the Enforcement Committee. Legal Counsel Powell noted that she would be attending the Medical Board meeting next week, and she offered to bring back information on the PACE program used by that board to incorporate with the current revision of Disciplinary Guidelines.

Chair Hundley noted that the board had discussed the issue in November and reiterated that any general dentist may practice any specialty he chooses to, as long as it is practiced to the standard of that specialty. Legal Counsel Powell noted that medical doctors have these same issues, if not practicing to the standard of the specialty then the license is suspended or revoked. She stressed that a license may only be restricted while the licensee is on probation, and once the probation is over so is any restriction.

Cathy Mudge, CDA, reported that 80% of their general practice membership practice a specialty with no problems. CDA would object to revocation of a general license if the practitioner was unable to be remediated to the specialty. Member SooHoo agreed.

Earl Johnson, CAO, UCSF Professor of Orthodontics, felt that people in this situation are in violation and should demonstrate competence or remain on probation.

Member Seldin noted that the concept of remediation is different than a specialty program, its goal is not to train someone to be a specialist. Chair Hundley stated that any general dentist may practice any specialty to competence, questioning if the board should dictate a specific number of hours. The Board agreed that staff bring recommendations for disciplinary guidelines for the board's review

The meeting adjourned at 3:30p.m.